Town of Montague Municipal Airport Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Commissioners present: Peter Golrick, Mark Fairbrother, Frank (Mike)

Sokolosky, Gary Collins

Others present: Mike Sweeney (Manager), Brian Smith (Gale), Chuck Meyer, Josh Simpson, Kip

Miskinis, Richard Seelig, Richard Kulis, Bill Gibson, Dianne Flaherty

Motion by Gary to approve the minutes of 6/11/2007 seconded by Frank, passed unanimously.

Motion by Mark to go into executive session for contract discussion, seconded by Gary.

Roll Call Vote: Peter – aye, Mark – aye, Frank – aye, Gary – aye; motion passed unanimously.

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Motion by Mark to authorize the Manager to spend up to \$1,000 for required safety and security expenditures without further approval, seconded by Frank. After discussion of "safety" and "discretionary", motion passed unanimously. **Motion** by Mark to authorize the Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman, and the Airport Manager, to sign applications, grants, and contracts without regard to amount, for the Fiscal year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, seconded by Frank, passed unanimously.

GALE REPORT

The Keeper of the Records received a request for information last week, the FAA has responded that all the information has already been sent. Discussion of irrigation system – it was used last week and is ready for use again.

MANAGERS REPORT

We have the paperwork from Mark Abramson for the marketing of ADN. **Motion** by Gary to authorize Chairman to sign the contract, seconded by Frank, passed unanimously. Our income is around \$29K. Balance of \$23K after payment to Gale for irrigation. Mike is scheduled to meet with Harry Flight next week to discuss ground-breaking.

Commercial Rates discussion yielded a suggestion that overnight parking be reduced to \$3 and \$5 from \$7 and \$10 respectively. CSA members suggested that the commercial rate be free for up to 5 years then up to .65 per sq. ft. and remain below the "residential" rate. Rod suggested that both commercial and residential be set to .25 per sq. ft. in order to simplify the calculations. Mark suggested that we reduce the rate from \$3.42 to \$2.25 per sq. ft. We were asked to look at using a 5 year window for setting the CPI adjustment schedule instead of the present 20 year window. The Commission should engage in a discussion with Jumptown to see if we can reach an agreeable fee for skydiving activities.

Pilot, Tenant, CSA – Bill Gibson led the discussion of opening the "access road" to Pioneer. **Motion** by Gary to move a rock or two, but leave the signs, seconded by Peter for discussion. Frank asked why they don't use the closest gate to gain access. Bill Gibson demanded that the argument was safety. Peter amended to motion to include that the sub-committee will request this of MAC, seconded by Gary. Frank suggested that the CSA form the letter, and the Commission will send it along to MAC, seconded by Gary. Discussion that photos or some graphics be included for clarity. Because the CSA will be writing the letter, amendments and the motion were



withdrawn. There was discussion of how the Highway Department may have been on the taxiway and aprons, and that they should be instructed to stay off them while moving the rocks. **Motion** by Gary to move the rocks received no second, motion fails. **Motion** by Frank to authorize the Chairman to get on the Board of Selectmen Agenda to present an Airport Commission update, seconded by Gary, passed unanimously. **Motion** by Gary to amend the SOPP Section III to remove 2) Impound Aircraft, seconded by Peter, passed unanimously.

Motion by Mark to go into executive session for litigation, seconded by Frank.

Roll Call Vote: Peter – aye, Mark – aye, Frank – aye, Gary – aye; motion passed unanimously.

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9:55 Motion by Mark to adjourn, second by Frank, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Peter Golrick

Voted ___ (Aye) __ (Nay) __ (Abstain) at an Airport Commission Meeting on: ___ / __ / ____

(Airport Chair Signature)